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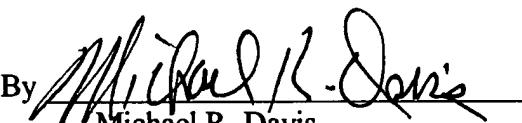
a. a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,

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- c. the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at pages 3-4 and 6,
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Respectfully submitted,

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